

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Booklist for Battle of the Books, 2014-2015

GRADES: High School

Listed below are the summaries for the Battle of the Books titles. For additional information on Battle of the Books, visit the Alaska Association of School Librarians (AkASL) webpage, or the ASD library webpage.

Au Revoir, Crazy European Chick

by Joe Schreiber

Perry's parents insist that he take Gobi, their Lithuanian exchange student, to senior prom but after an incident at the dance he learns that Gobi is actually an assassin who needs him as a henchman on a mission in Manhattan.

Cinder

by Marissa Meyer

As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people. Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story.

Code name Verity

by Elizabeth Wein

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

Don't Turn Around

by Michelle Gagnon

After waking up on an operating table with no memory of how she got there, Noa must team up with computer hacker Peter to stop a corrupt corporation with a deadly secret.

Edge of Nowhere

by John Smelcer

Seth is a teenage deckhand on his father's boat when he and his dog are washed overboard and swept to one of Alaska's small islands where they struggle for months to survive off land and sea, while his desperate father endures his own emotional journey and never gives up hope.

Fahrenheit 451

by Ray Bradbury

In a future totalitarian state where books are banned and destroyed by the government, Guy Montag, a fireman in charge of burning books, meets a revolutionary schoolteacher who dares to read and a girl who tells him of a past when people did not live in fear.

Fault in our Stars

by John Green

Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.

I am Number Four

by Pittacus Lore

Nine of us came here. We look like you. We talk like you. We live among you. We have powers you dream of having. We are stronger and faster than anything you have ever seen. We are the superheroes you worship in movies and comic books--but we are real. Our plan was to grow, and train, and become strong, and fight them. But they found us and started hunting us first. They caught Number One in Malaysia. Number Two in England. And Number Three in Kenya. I am Number Four. I am next.

Outcasts United

by Warren St. John

American-educated Jordanian Luma Mufleh founds a youth soccer team comprised of children from Liberia, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Balkan states, and elsewhere in the refugee settlement town of Clarkston, Georgia, bringing the children together to discover their common bonds as they adjust to life in a new homeland.

Raven Boys

by Maggie Stiefvater

Though she is from a family of clairvoyants, Blue Sargent's only gift seems to be that she makes other people's talents stronger, and when she meets Gansey, one of the Raven Boys from the expensive Aglionby Academy, she discovers that he has talents of his own--and that together their talents are a dangerous mix.

Turnabout

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Eighty-five years ago, Melly and Anny Beth were old women participating in a highly secret research study that reversed the aging process. Now the women have "unaged" back into teenagers. Soon they will become so young that they will no longer be able to care for themselves. Even worse, a reporter's interest in Melly is threatening to destroy the privacy that the teens alone still value in the publicity-mad culture of the year 2085.

Virals

by Kathy Reichs

The niece of famed forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan, fourteen-year-old Tory and her three friends are exposed to a rare strain of canine parvovirus that gives them special powers, which they use to try to solve a murder.

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